

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND HEARING
Sulfur Dioxide Milestone Report

Utah's State Implementation Plan for Regional Haze (the Plan) adopted by the Air Quality Board on April 6, 2011, requires that Utah cooperate with New Mexico, Wyoming, and Albuquerque-Bernalillo County in producing an annual report to determine if the emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO₂) from large industrial sources from the most current year are less than the emissions milestone set in the Plan. The final milestone year of the plan is 2018. The plan requires Utah to continue comparing subsequent years to the 2018 milestone to ensure that the State still meets the 2018 milestone obligation. The draft report for calendar year 2019 is now available for public comment at <https://deq.utah.gov/air-quality/air-quality-rule-plan-changes-open-public-comment>.

The report shows that adjusted total emissions of SO₂ in 2019 from large sources in the participating entities—Utah, New Mexico, Wyoming, and Albuquerque-Bernalillo County—were 65,001 tons. The SO₂ milestone for 2018 is 141,849 tons. The report demonstrates that emissions from the participating entities are less than the milestone and have met the requirements of the Plan for 2019. Therefore, implementation of the SO₂ backstop trading program identified in the Plan is not triggered.

The Utah Division of Air Quality will hold a public hearing on March 17, 2021, at 10:00am MDT. The hearing will be conducted virtually to comply with health and safety guidelines. The virtual hearing may be accessed at: meet.google.com/tsr-camo-xyi. The meeting may also be accessed by telephone by dialing 1-617-675-4444 and entering the PIN: 422-521-145-2477#.

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The public comment period begins on February 16, 2021, and ends on March 17, 2021. Comments postmarked on or before that date will be accepted. Comments may be submitted by electronic mail to lthraillkill@utah.gov or may be mailed to:

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